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For Provision of In-Region,
InterLATA Services in Louisiana

To: The Commission

COMMENTS OF RADIOFONE, INC.

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SUMMARY

Radiofone, Inc. comments on the application for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in Louisiana, filed by the captioned BellSouth entities.

Radiofone provides cellular and paging services in Louisiana, and interconnects with BellSouth's local exchange services. Radiofone has had a long history of disputes with BellSouth, including a formal complaint filed in 1988 and now, invoices for mutual compensation that BellSouth has not paid. It seems likely that these issues will bear on the Commission's consideration of whether a grant of BellSouth's application is in the public interest.

Because Radiofone has not had sufficient time to review the application in detail, Radiofone is submitting these brief comments. If needed, based on the application and the other comments filed in this proceeding, Radiofone will file reply comments amplifying these facts.

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To: The Commission

COMMENTS OF RADIOFONE, INC.

Radiofone, Inc. (Radiofone), by its attorneys, responds to the Public Notice, DA 98-1364, released July 9, 1998, concerning the application for authorization to provide in-region, interLATA service in Louisiana, filed by the captioned BellSouth entities.

Radiofone provides cellular and paging services in the southeastern United States, including Louisiana. Radiofone interconnects with BellSouth's local exchange services, and competes with BellSouth's CMRS services.

Radiofone has had a long history of dealings with BellSouth.

A number of issues are addressed in a pending complaint

proceeding, Radiofone, Inc. v. BellSouth Mobility, Inc., E-88
109, filed Aug. 2, 1988. More recently, Radiofone has submitted invoices to BellSouth for mutual compensation after having paid BellSouth's invoices for interconnection. Radiofone's invoices

are still unpaid. It seems likely that these issues will bear on the Commission's consideration of whether a grant of BellSouth's application is in the public interest.

Because Radiofone has not had sufficient time to review the application in detail, Radiofone is submitting these brief comments. After further review of BellSouth's application and the other comments filed in this proceeding, Radiofone will determine whether to file reply comments amplifying these facts.

Respectfully submitted,

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